GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INDUCTION OF CPL HOLDERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked the airlines to induct and train Indian commercial pilot licence holders;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of private airlines thereto;

(c) the number of Indian Commercial Pilot Licence holders facing hardship to get a job in the country; and

(d) the extent to which such Indian CPL holders will get benefit of this new orders of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Yes,Sir.As per Para 3
(ii) of Civil Aviation Requirements Section 7,Flight Crew Standard,Series G Part II,validation of foreign pilot`s licence is done only for Pilot in Command (PIC) or Co-Pilot.For Co-pilot functions,Indian pilots should be trained and employed as co-pilots by the operator.In case,the flight is required to be operated by foreign pilots,acting together as PIC and Co-Pilots,an Indian pilot is required to be on board for the training/ supernumerary flying.

(c) and (d):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has not received any such complaints.However,DGCA has decided that foreign co -pilots will normally not be given authorisation after 31.05.2008 unless adequate justification is provided by the operator.This measure would be a help to phase out foreign pilots to act as co - pilots and enable absorption of Indian co-pilots.